UPCOMING TRIPS

THE BROWN FAMILY CELTIC CELEBRATION

ITALIAN VISTAS

TWO SHOWS IN THE TWIN CITIES

FAIRY DUST AND HIGH TIDES

BALLOON FIESTA IN NEW MEXICO

CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON

Why Travel with the Emerald Club.....



No Tedious & Time Consuming Planning: We do all the work for you! We spend lots of time and energy creating unique, adventurous experiences!

Meet new travel friends for future trips: Our group adventures are perfect for making new friends and travel companions that you'll be able to explore with for years to come! So many of our members love travel and are looking for new friends to see the world with. What better way to meet people on an actual vacation and make new friends that you really travel well with!

Travel with those that share a common interest: The Emerald Club is the perfect group for those who love adventure & unique experiences. Plenty of members travel with us to experience adventure and new cultures!

It's SAFER to travel with a group: Traveling solo has it's risks as criminals are looking out for those on their own, which makes you more vulnerable. Lot's of countries can be intimidating and not advised to travel on your own (especially for women). Traveling with a group minimizes these risks and makes for a much safer experience overall. With the Emerald Club, you are always in the best hands with carefully selected guides that specialize in taking guests throughout their countries and have years of experience doing it.

You can travel alone or you can travel with us...there are ups and downs to both types of travel but we think the benefits of group travel outweigh those of going it alone. Whether you take an all-inclusive cruise to Alaska, or trek through the wilds of Africa, there are many benefits of group travel.

We would love to explore the world with you!





The Brown Family Celtic Celebration - March 17th, 2025

Grab your favorite green outfit and join the Emerald Club as we travel to LeMars for this exciting St. Patrick's Day show! The Browns will show us a singing and fiddlin' good time, filled with family harmony, laughter and fun! Enjoy a delicious Irish themed buffet at the Brown's Central Event Center before the show. Pickups will be in Spirit Lake at 9:00, Storm Lake at 10:15 and Cherokee at 11:00. The cost is \$92 per person, due at sign-up.



Join the Emerald Club as we explore Italy on this 13-day adventure! Highlights include Rome, Colosseum & the Ruins of Pompeii! You have choice on tour: Iconic Pompeii walking tour or leisurely Pompeii walking tour, Sorrento, Florence, Strue of David, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Tuscan Winery & Pisa. We will spend a night in Venice, where you can soak up the history in St. Mark's Square. You will also experience Murano Island, Verona, Lake Maggiore, Stresa & another choice on tour: Isola Bella & Palazzo Borromeo Tour or Simplon Pass Day Trip!

Cost of this trip is \$6,249 for double occupancy. Add \$1,000 for single occupancy.

Two Shows in the Twin Cities - May 6-8, 2025

We will begin this adventure at one of our favorite places, the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for the musical "Grease!" This is one of the most popular productions of all time. On day two we will be heading to Skyrock Farm to see an incredible private collection of carousels and antique organs. We will then meet the beautiful jumping horses on the farm and enjoy a live demonstration. Our second show is Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" at the Guthrie Theater. This is the longest -running play in the world and is an exciting murder mystery that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Pickups will be where 4 or more gather in Sioux City, Cherokee, Storm Lake and Spirit Lake. Cost is \$555 per person for double occupancy and \$710 for singe occupancy. Payment is due at sign-up.



Fairy Dust and High Tides - June/July, 2025 - final date coming soon!

You are going to want to bring your camera for this spectacular trip!! We will spend one night in Prairie du Chien, where we will enjoy a Lunch cruise before heading to Lake Michigan. We will visit Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and do the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive. We will enjoy the Old Mission Peninsula, home to eight distinct wineries and spend the night in Traverse City.

The next day brings us to Charlevoix, where we will tour the Mushroom Houses and enjoy lunch on a drawbridge before touring Castle Farms, where we will enjoy dinner and a wine tasting. On the following will visit Beaver Island before heading to see the "Painted Ladies', colorful Victorian homes and cottages. We will have time on our own this day for some lunch and shopping in the historic Gaslight District. We will take a scenic drive through the "Tunnel of Trees" followed by a memorable dining experience. We cannot be this close and NOT visit Mackinac Island, so we will ferry over for the day and enjoy the Grand Luncheon Buffet, followed by a bit more free time to shop.

Details of this trip are being worked out and the itinerary and pricing will be available soon!



Balloon Fiesta - October 3-8, 2025

Discover the vibrant spirit and landscapes of New Mexico on this unforgettable journey. From the artisan village of Chimayo' and historic Taos Pueblo to the dazzling international Balloon Fiesta, where hundreds of colorful balloons fill the sky, each stop offers a captivating blend of culture and adventure! Cost of this trip is \$3935 per person for double occupancy or \$4965 for single occupancy and includes round-trip air, private motor coach transportation, 6 nights' accommodations, 12 meals, admission to attractions as stated, porter service of 1 bag per person, taxes & gratuities and a professional tour manager! **\$500 deposit due at registration.**

Branson at Christmas - November 18-23, 2025

Join us for 6 days and 5 nights in Branson to kick off the Holiday season! We have included 13 meals, 8 shows & 3 special tours. We will also visit Union Station Holiday Reflections for a display that will leave you speechless! Cost is \$1995 per person for double occupancy or \$2295 for single occupancy. \$500 deposit due at sign-up. Price includes motor coach transportation, all listed activities & meals, baggage handling of 1 bag per person. We will have pickups in either Cherokee or Storm Lake, Spirit Lake and Des Moines!





Coming in 2026

Alaskan Discovery Land & Cruise - 12 days * 26 Meals * 7-night Holland America Cruise

Highlights include: Fairbanks * Sternwheeler Discovery * Music of Denali Dinner Theater * Denali National Park * Tundra Wilderness Tour * Luxury Domed Rail * Anchorage * Hubbard Glacier * Glacier Bay * Skagway * Juneau * Ketchikan * Inside Passage

Southern Charms Holiday - 7 days * 9 meals

Highlights include: Historic Charleston * Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens * Choice on Tour: Walking Tour or Fort Sumter Cruise in Charleston * James Island County Park Holiday Display * Savannah * Choice on Tour: Savannah Trolley Tour or Haunted Savannah Walking Tour * St. Simons Island * Jekyll Island* Christmas Caroling

Upcoming Local Events

<u>Storm Lake</u>

Dutch Treat Luncheons at 11:30

Someone will win a free lunch....will it be you? January 15th - Smokin' Hereford February is replaced with the Valentines Bingo March 20th - King's Pointe April 16th - Villager **RSVP to Stacy at 712-638-0013**



Valentines Bingo at Pizza Ranch - February 13th You are invited to join us for a Bingo Party with an included meal at Pizza Ranch! No need to bring a prize this year! Doors open at 11:00. We'll first go through the buffet then play bingo around 12:15. This is a free event for Emerald Club members.
RSVP is required as seating is limited.

Spirit Lake

Coffee at the Well

Please join Tammy and your fellow Emerald Club members at 10 for some coffee and conversation! January 8th, February 12th & March12th

Valentines Pizza & Bingo - February 14th

Doors open at 11:30. You will enjoy the buffet followed by Bingo. If you want to participate in Bingo, bring an unwrapped \$5 prize. RSVP is required as seating is limited





Come Plant with Me! April 29th, 2025

Join Tammy at Ferguson's in Spirit Lake at 2:00 for a guided class where you will create the perfect Springtime planter! The cost is \$75 and you will take your creation home with you. You can bring your own pot or Ferguson's will provide a basic pot for you. RSVP to Tammy by April 22nd to reserve your spot!

Sioux City & Dakota Dunes

Coffee & Conversation at Cup O'Joy - 10:15 a.m. 319 Dakota Dunes Blvd. January 8th, February 5th & March 5th

RSVP to Nancy at 605-540-4335

St. Patricks Pizza & Bingo

You will enjoy the buffet followed by Bingo. If you want to participate in Bingo, bring an unwrapped \$5 prize. RSVP is required as seating is limited.

Brookings

<u>Coffee & Conversation</u> - Join Amy at Kool Beans the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30. RSVP to Amy at 605-696-3416. January 21st, February 18th & March 18th

Sioux Falls

<u>Coffee & Conversation</u> - Join Jessica at SF Western Branch

January 23rd, February 20th & March 27th Please park in the back lot. RSVP to Jessica at 605-782-0819

<u>**Pizza and Bingo**</u> in February or March...details coming soon!

Cherokee

Coffee & Convo at Mud on Main - 2 p.m. January 21st, February 18th & March 18th

St. Patricks Pizza & Bingo - March 13th

11:30 doors open at Godfathers for the buffet followed by Bingo. If you want to participate in Bingo, bring an unwrapped \$5 prize. RSVP is required as seating is limited.

Please RSVP to Debbie at 712-225-9039





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